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It begins

▶ Greg Selinger, left, and Hugh McFadyen speak to supporters at rallies in Winnipeg yesterday.

▶ While the provincial election has yet to be officially called, both the provincial NDP and the provincial PC Party have started campaigning — with both parties releasing glimpses of their platforms and new television and radio ads ▶ Meanwhile, the provincial Liberals are bringing in some star power of their own {page 3}

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Grits bring in Trudeau star power

While provincial Liberal Leader Dr. Jon Gerrard says he won't release the Liberal platform until the "election really starts," he's already bringing in the star power.

Quebec MP Justin Trudeau will be in Winnipeg today to attend a dinner and a rally for the beleaguered Manitoba Liberal party, which just has one seat after MLA Kevin Lamoureux gave up his to run in the federal election. Trudeau, son of the late Pierre Trudeau, is widely considered to be a future federal Liberal Party leader contender.

"Manitoba Liberals are very excited about the upcoming election campaign, and I can't think of a better way to kick it off than with a visit from Justin Trudeau," said Gerrard in a press release.

Gerrard said a policy platform announcement would also be made at the rally. The dinner and rally will take place at 6 p.m. at the Crescentwood Community Centre.

ELISHA DACEY

HANDOUT

▶ Justin Trudeau

JAMES TURNER/METRO

▶ Premier Greg Selinger addressed NDP faithfuls yesterday morning and outlined his government's vision for Manitoba for the next few years.

Selinger releases 'vision' for province

Premier makes health care, policing promises a week ahead of start of election campaign ◐ Tory leader vows to cut deficit by 2018

Premier Greg Selinger is promising that Manitoba will have the shortest cancer wait-times in Canada, high-school dropouts will get more support and there will be more police officers on the streets if voters re-elect the NDP.

A week before he is officially expected to drop the writ to start the provincial election campaign, Selinger held a small rally Tuesday to release what he called a "vision document."

The colourful pamphlet dwells on the NDP record and urges voters not to "turn back." It's short on details, but does outline goals that include more family doctors, low tuition fees and more crime prevention programs.

"It's not enough to rest on our record," Selinger told a small, but enthusiastic crowd of party faithful. "We have to have a go-forward plan."

So far the go-forward plan consists of staying the course and building on previous commitments made by the government. By 2014, the New Democrats want to balance the books without cutting front-line services.

Conservative Leader Hugh McFadyen said the NDP has made the same promises for years.

McFadyen said all the commitments can only mean one thing — higher taxes.

The Conservatives are set to officially release their platform today. So far, the party has said it will eliminate the provincial deficit by 2018 — four years later than the NDP — without cutting front-line services.

It also says it will reroute a controversial hydro transmission line down the east side of Lake Winnipeg rather than the west.

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Gas bar clerk's 'luck' deemed fraud: Police

Clerk allegedly kept lotto player's ticket and tried to claim prize

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A Lotto 6/49 lover in Winnipeg nearly missed out on a lucky payout worth more than $90,000 due to the alleged criminal actions of a gas bar clerk who worked in The Maples area.

The 30-year-old clerk is accused of stealing a 61-year-old man's multi-draw ticket and trying to claim it as his own when five numbers plus the bonus number matched the winning numbers in a July 27 draw, said police.

The victim, described as a regular lottery player, had gone into the gas bar to check his numbers and won $5. But the clerk didn't give him his original ticket back, which was still good for two more draws, said police.

A few days after the winning draw, the clerk went to try and claim a $90,641.40 prize but lottery officials instead grew suspicious and notified police.

The suspect, who wasn't identified, faces theft and fraud charges.

The ticket was not originally purchased at the gas bar in question, police said.

Shot. Gun

▶ Sgt. Scott Kaler of the Winnipeg Police Street Crimes Unit displays a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun seized in a raid on a Grassie Boulevard home on Monday.

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Weapons seized in raid

Four adults, along with a 15-year-old boy, were arrested in Monday's raid. One of the suspects, who is 18 years old, is thought to have gang ties, according to police. In addition to the 12-gauge shotgun, officers seized knives, bear spray and a replica handgun.

EQUAL ACCESS

Health research overlooks First Nations

Ottawa is spending more than $21 million over five years on research to help address gaps in health equity across Canada and around the world.

But nowhere on a list of 11 projects outlined in Winnipeg by Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq is there a study involving aboriginal Canadians.

First Nations have long complained they are on the wrong side of the health-equity gap.

Aglukkaq says she isn't afraid aboriginal needs will be left behind.

She says it's necessary to look at health care overall, although she notes Ottawa is spending money on aboriginal health issues such as diabetes.

She describes health equity as everyone having the same opportunity for a healthy and productive life, regardless of social or economic status, gender or age.

Research will be supported in Benin, Burkina Faso and Ecuador as well. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man had many IDs: Court

45 Suspect faces 45 charges after allegedly impersonating five different men and using a number of fake names, according to police.

A mysterious traveller arrested after a weekend bar brawl and found with a number of fake IDs was last in Winnipeg in the winter and is accused of using a number of fake names during the visit, according to court documents outlining the 45 charges he faces.

The 25-year-old came to the city in January and is suspected of fraudulently impersonating five different men for his own advantage during that time, police allege.

He was picked up early Saturday after a bar fight in the Exchange District. He arrived on a WestJet flight from the east a day earlier, police said.

He faces assault charges, along with others relating to the fake IDs, said police.

The suspect is also accused of breaching bail conditions stemming from outstanding charges in Alberta.

Forged driver's licences from B.C. and Alberta, social insurance numbers, Canadian citizenship cards and credit card data were seized, police allege.

Andrio Andre Martin is being held at the Winnipeg Remand Centre.

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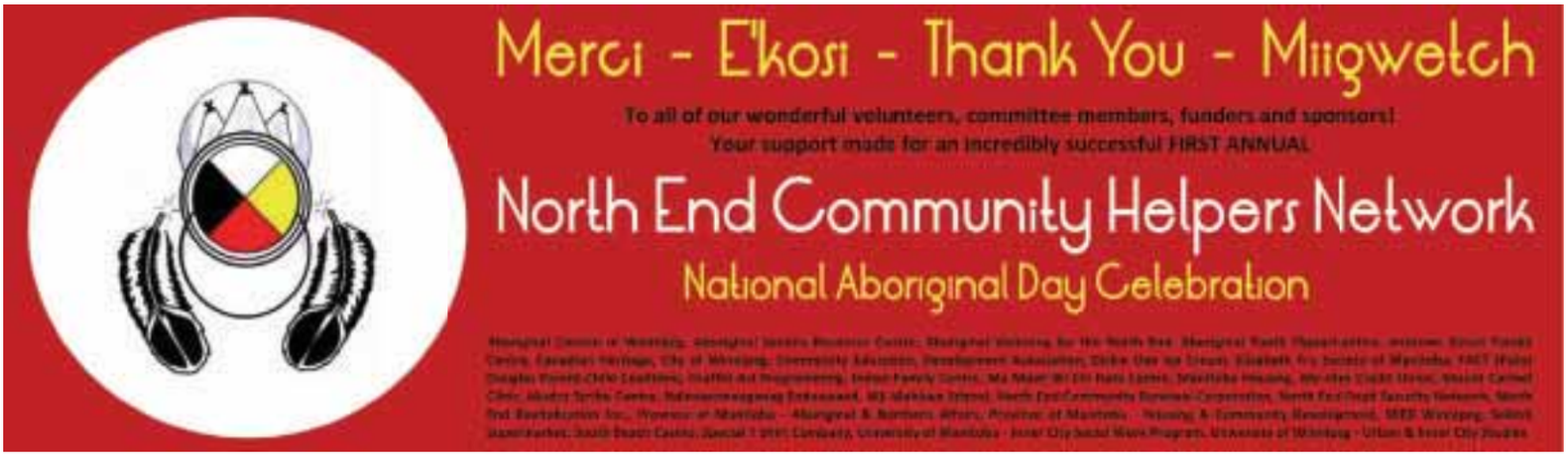
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Riot investigation given high-tech spin

- Vancouver police encourage public to log on to new website and help identify suspected rioters
- 40 photos posted on website, 100 more to be put up in the coming weeks, according to police

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METRO CANADA IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver police are asking the public to help them bring hundreds of suspects from the June 15 Stanley Cup riot to justice through a new interactive website (riot2011.vpd.ca).

Insp. Les Yeo of the riot investigation team said they have posted 40 photos of suspected rioters on the website in the hopes the public can identify them.

Yeo said police will be adding 100 more photos in the coming weeks so investigators won't be overwhelmed and will have enough time for a thorough investigation.

"You get one kick at the can, and that's why we need to take our time to ensure these suspects, these accused, don't evade justice."
JIM CHU, VANCOUVER POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Jim Chu also again defended the VPD over the lack of charges stemming from the incident. He said police are taking their time to collect evidence to make sure that people are held accountable to the full extent of their involvement during the riots.

"We don't get two chances at this," Chu said. "We can't charge (suspects with) rioting and then say, 'Hey, your honour, we found some more information three months later. Can we charge [them] with rioting again?'"

Chu added 42 people have already turned themselves in, and police are investigating 1,100 names of people who may have been involved in the riots. Still, no charges have been laid.

An independent report into the riot is expected to be released tomorrow by former head of VANOC John Furlong and former Nova Scotia deputy justice minister Doug Keefe.

Eid. Holiday

▶ A young boy watches as men pray during the Muslim Association of Canada's Eid celebration at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, yesterday.

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Ramadan wraps with Eid festivities

Eid Al-Fitr marks an end to the holy month of Ramadan. Thousands of Muslims attended the 26th annual event at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, as well as other celebrations across Canada, yesterday.

41 Regionally, there was marked disagreement only in Quebec, where 41 per cent approved of the idea and 46 per cent were against it.

Military name change gets the OK

Restoring the traditional names of the navy and air force has the support of a majority of Canadians, a new poll suggests.

A survey by The Canadian Press-Harris/Decima found that 56 per cent of respondents agreed with the change and 31 per cent opposed it.

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News in brief

Child survives cougar attack

UCLUELET, B.C. An 18-month-old child is recovering in hospital after a cougar attack inside Vancouver Island's Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

The attack occurred at about 6 p.m. Monday on the beach of a popular day-use area at Kennedy Lake, some 16 kilometres east of the community of Ucluelet.

The toddler is now listed in serious condition at Vancouver's Children's Hospital.

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Mulcair mulls leadership run

MONTREAL. NDP deputy leader Thomas Mulcair is considering a bid to succeed Jack Layton, but says it will likely be another three weeks before he announces his decision.

The fluently bilingual Montreal MP, who has represented the party in the Commons since 2007, joins NDP president Brian Topp in expressing interest in becoming leader of the official Opposition.

Mulcair told a news conference in Montreal yesterday that he has received support from colleagues, but is unlikely to make any announcement before the House resumes Sept. 19. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Gadhafi's mystery daughter

Evidence mounts the exiled leader faked the death of adopted girl Libyans believe Gadhafi wanted to garner sympathy and foster hatred toward the West

Since the rebel takeover of Tripoli, evidence has been mounting that Moammar Gadhafi may have lied about the death of his adopted baby daughter Hana in a 1986 U.S. airstrike.

The strike hit Gadhafi's home in retaliation for the Libyan-sponsored bombing of a Berlin nightclub earlier that year that killed two U.S. servicemen. At the time, Gadhafi showed American journalists a picture of a dead baby and said it was his adopted daughter Hana — the first public mention that she even existed. Diplomats almost immediately questioned the claim. But Gadhafi kept the story alive through the years.

But when Libyan rebels took over last week, they found a room in Gadhafi's home with Hana's birth certificate and pictures of a young woman with the name "Hana" written on the back, possible indications that she lived beyond infancy.

Many Libyans believe Hana was never killed and talked about her existence openly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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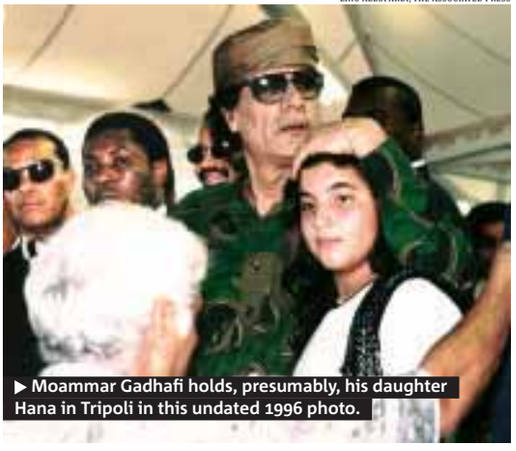

▶ Moammar Gadhafi holds, presumably, his daughter Hana in Tripoli in this undated 1996 photo.

Rebel orders

The rebels are tightening their grip on Libya after a military blitz and have taken several steps to ensure control.

- Libyan rebels issued an ultimatum yesterday to Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte: Surrender this weekend or face an attack.
- There has been speculation that the dictator is seeking refuge in Sirte or one of the other remaining regime strongholds, among them the towns of Bani Walid or Sabha.
- Rebels also demanded that Algeria return Gadhafi's wife and three of his children, who fled there Monday.
- They also insisted they are slowly restoring order in war-torn Tripoli by deploying police and collecting garbage.

News in brief

Passenger gets revenge on boy

INJURY. San Diego police say a boy throwing rocks at vehicles was struck in the abdomen by a crossbow bolt fired by a passenger in small sport utility vehicle.

The boy was shot in the abdomen and was taken to a hospital. The San Diego Union-Tribune newspaper says his injuries are not life-threatening. His name and age weren't released. Nobody has been arrested. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel ramps up security

MILITARY. Israel sent two more warships to the Red Sea border with Egypt, the military said yesterday, as part of military reinforcement.

Earlier this week, Israel's military ordered more troops to the border area, days after militants crossed into Israel through the Egyptian border and killed eight Israelis in a brazen attack that touched off a wave of violence between Israel and militants in the Gaza Strip. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greek prisoners almost escaped

JAIL BREAK. Officials at Greece's largest prison say they have prevented an escape by discovering a 10-metre-long tunnel dug by an alleged murderer and two other inmates awaiting trial for burglary.

The inmates allegedly cut through the wall and dug the tunnel using mostly makeshift tools. The tunnel was discovered late Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gadhafi's other daughter gives birth

Hunted throughout her homeland and forced to flee into exile across a dangerous desert border, the daughter of ousted Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi paused somewhere in the Sahara to have a baby.

The dramatic birth of Gadhafi's granddaughter, after her mother and other relatives escaped Libyan territory into Algeria, lends a human dimension to the dictator's downfall and the ongoing mystery of his whereabouts. The birth in exile was disclosed by the Algerian Health Ministry yesterday.

Algeria's UN ambassador, Mourad Benmehidi Benmehidi, said the country allowed them to enter for "humanitarian considerations." Algerian news reports had said Aisha's pregnancy was one reason for the country's controversial decision to take the family in.

An Algerian newspaper reported that the exiles, who also included an unknown number of Gadhafi's grandchildren by his eight children, had waited 12 hours to receive authorization to cross the Algerian border from President Abdelaziz Bouteflika — while Aisha was in labour.

Libya's interim government criticized Algeria's decision and demanded that Algiers hand them over for trial in Libya. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Aisha Gadhafi

Violent protests erupt in South Africa

Supporters of South Africa's firebrand youth leader are the latest political salvo in a power struggle that could determine the future of South Africa's president and the man who helped catapult him to power — youth league chief Julius Malema.

Demonstrators burned flags of the ruling African National Congress and ran through the streets of downtown Johannesburg holding up flaming T-shirts bearing the image of President Jacob Zuma.

When the protesters began lobbing stones and bottles, police detonated stun grenades and turned water cannons on the crowd of thousands. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police save China bus hostages

Chinese police subdued a knife-wielding assailant and freed a busload of passengers he'd taken captive yesterday outside a major eastern city in China, authorities and state media reported.

State media reports of the incident near Nanjing said at least three people aboard the bus were injured and taken to a hospital. Media accounts differed, with some saying there were multiple hijackers, at least one of whom had been shot and killed by a police SWAT team.

However, a Nanjing government spokesman who gave only his surname, Zhang, said all the hostages were successfully rescued and did not mention any injuries.

A news release from the city government did not say whether the hostage taker had been killed or merely arrested.

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Forget the old-fashioned web suffix ".com"— coming up with eccentric names to make websites catchier and easier to remember is the new trend on the Internet.

Icann, the global internet body that creates new web addresses, announced it will be taking applications next year for domain suffixes of almost any word and in any language.

From the current 22 domain endings available, websites ending with the adverb-sounding ".ly", the broadcast-hinting ".tv" or the captivating ".me" are now the hippest choice.

"Businesses always need quirky names that are easy to spell and to remember. If you come up with a more brandable name for your website, then you should go for it," marketing expert Andrew Girdwood from global digital media company bigmouthmedia told Metro.

As Girdwood explains, the downside is that websites ending in .ly — the country code domain for Libya — are designated as formal property of Libya's state-controlled telecommunications corporation, whose status is uncertain due to unrest in the region.

Montenegro has arguably the coolest-sounding ccTLD (country code top-level domain) with .me. Indeed, it has been a real gold mine for a country born only in 2006. According to Hosterstats.com, more than 500,000 .me domains have been registered, so far.

"A great quirky domain can work really well. But I don't envisage most established companies moving their primary web presence away from .com any time soon."
WILL CRITCHLOW, DISTILLED SEARCH MARKETING COMPANY

Yet despite the rise in trendy domain names, old habits die hard, as major online search engines still favour the old-fashioned.

"Dot-tv sounds perfect for a broadcasting company, but for search engine optimization, the dot-com is more popular," Mick Say, an expert at England's Online Marketing Academy, tells Metro.

"If a person is searching the Internet for a service or a global business, Google gives priority to the dot-com extension. It tells the search engine that 'I want to be known internationally as an international business.'"

Brazil. Greenpeace protest

▶ A Greenpeace activist helps a person dressed as a whale covered in oil during a protest at the headquarters of oil company Perenco, yesterday, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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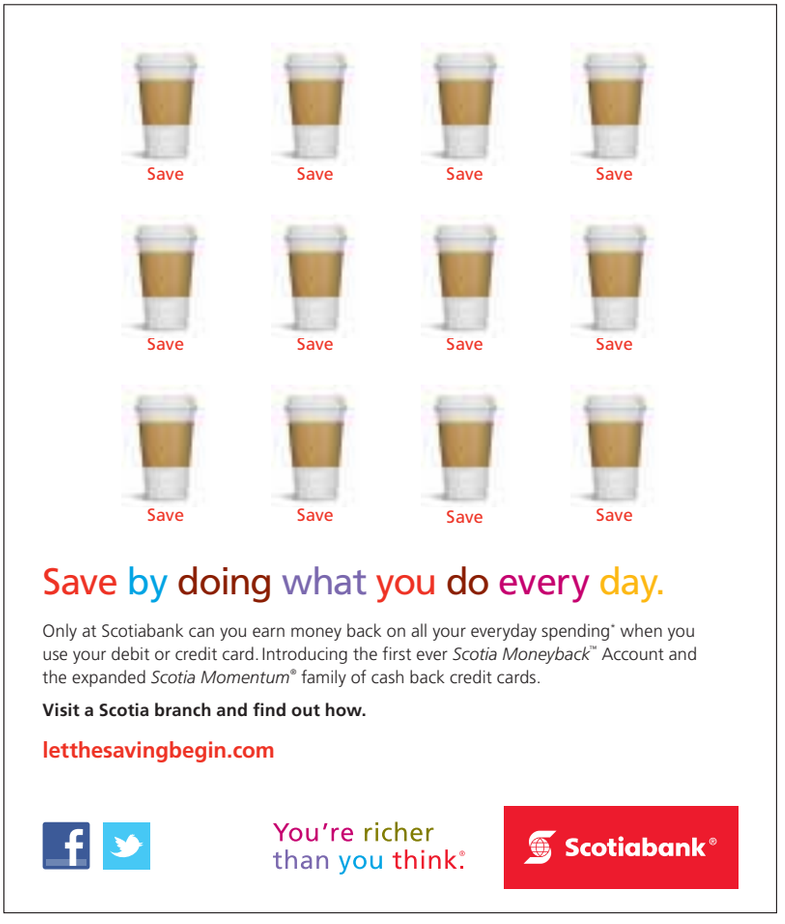
Sticky situation for oil firm

Greenpeace is demanding that Anglo-French oil company Perenco, and other companies, stop their exploration in Abrolhos, a large mating area for humpback whales off the coast of Brazil.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Economy may be stalling

Economists widely expect that the Canadian economy stalled in the second quarter and may have even contracted slightly amid the global economic slowdown.

"It is going to be a hair within positive or negative, but the balance is slightly tilted to the negative," CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld said yesterday.

"Either way, it is essentially a flat profile for the economy."

Statistics Canada is expected to report the country's second-quarter gross domestic product results this morning, and a reading that economic growth was slower or even reversed course a little would indicate the economy is still struggling to throw off the effects of the recession.

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Emails to be evidence in Facebook lawsuit

The New York man suing for part ownership of Facebook must give lawyers for the social networking company access to all his emails dating to 2003.

A federal judge yesterday denied Paul Ceglia's request to delay Facebook's access to his emails so he could voice his objections in court. Ceglia's lawyer had made the request in a filing late Monday, hoping to protect Ceglia's privacy.

Ceglia claims he made a deal with Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg in 2003 that entitles him to half ownership of the $50 billion company.

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Consumer confidence drops in U.S.

A private research group says that American consumers' confidence in the economy in August dropped almost 15 points to its lowest level in two years.

The reading came as worries about the economy fuelled the wildest stock market swings since the financial meltdown in 2008.

The Conference Board says that its consumer confidence index dropped to the lowest level since April 2009.

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VANCOUVER'S NEW RANK REEKS

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

Vancouver: the world's most liveable city – NOT!

There is no joy in latté land today with the news that the Economist Intelligence Unit has demoted Vancouver, for years the most liveable city atop its list, to third, behind Melbourne and Vienna.

Even worse news? Toronto and Calgary are 4th and 5th, hot on our heels.

Oddly, the stupid Stanley Cup riot played no role in the demotion, although it may hit us where we rank. The reason for this year's demotion: a brief closure of the Malahat Highway due to a tanker spill in April led to a fractional reduction in infrastructure points, enough to allow Melbourne and Vienna to surge ahead.

Melbourne? Wasn't that the place that was hit with devastating floods earlier this year?

"What's really puzzling is that the Malahat Highway is on Vancouver Island. Which is elsewhere. You have to take a ferry to get to Vancouver Island. All told, that's about a four to four-and-a-half hour trip from Vancouver."

What's really puzzling is that the Malahat Highway is on Vancouver Island. Which is elsewhere. You have to take a ferry to get to Vancouver Island. All told, that's about a four to four-and-a-half hour trip from Vancouver. I would wager that many of the people who live in Metro Vancouver have no idea where the Malahat Highway is and have never been on it. It's relevant if you live in Victoria, which, like Vancouver, starts with a "V", but that's about it.

So you have to wonder about the Economist Intelligence Unit and its whole World's Most Liveable City project. The problem is there was no wondering when Vancouver was on top of the list. We just sat back, relaxed, and gloated.

Even when it rained 40 days and 40 nights. Even as it took a king's ransom to buy a rundown bungalow in Kerrisdale. Even as we rolled up the tinted windows on the SUV to avoid being tainted by the Downtown East Side. So now it's not going to do us much good to cast aspersions on the intelligence of the Intelligence Unit.

Meanwhile, Toronto and Calgary are flexing their gloating muscles. They can hardly wait for next year's list, when the EIU takes the riot into account. I'm not sure I'll have the strength to carry on if Calgary turns out to be more liveable than Vancouver.

There's one thing I do know. I'd rather live in Toronto, or even (gasp) Calgary than in one of the cities at the bottom of the list, although they say #140: last place Harare, Zimbabwe, is nice this time of year.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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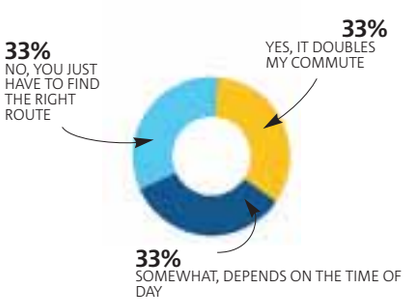
StatsCan says public transit takes longer than driving to work. Do you agree?



Local tweets

- **@lesjupes:** A #mbbold idea: Walk, bike, bus, and support rapid transit. Live close to where you work.
- **@adamdooley:** Agree with @susie_parker downtown wifi is a no brainer #mbbold #winnipeg
- **@susie_parker:** If Winnipeg is one wired city, driven by our tech companies, this entire downtown should be wifi #MBBold
- **@adamdooley:** CP hotels hired artists to travel to the rockies and paint their hotels, landscapes way back when. #winnipeg could learn from that #mbbold
- **@AceBurpeeShow idea:** walk of fame in the exchange. Vote on new inductees, unveilings! Etc. #MBBold
- **@trudy_schroeder:** New brand position for our town. Winnipeg: It's not cold, it's cool. #MBBold
- **@PamSimmons1:** We need to do more than Tweet or talk about the Manitoba brand. Get our stories out with a major ad campaign with people stories.#MBBold
- **@JustinLutomsky:** Best quote thus far: "how do you double your success rate? Triple your failure rate" Take the risk! #MBBold

Letters

Federal Environment Minister Peter Kent recently announced new regulations for limiting emissions for any new coal-fired power plants that will be built in Canada starting July 2015.

While framed as legislation that Kent claims will act as "the equivalent of taking eight million cars off Canadian roads" this legislation falls drastically short of an effective level of environmental protection for two central reasons: Firstly, the legislation essentially gives existing plants licence to continue to pollute; secondly, it allows Maxim Power to build a new 500-megawatt coal plant in Alberta before the July deadline, thereby escaping the new regulations.

If we are serious about protecting the future of our precious natural resources, as well as that of our children as well as our planet, we need to stop investing in coal power and setting mediocre standards that do more to appease corporate citizenship than Canadian citizens, and we need to do this NOW, before it is truly too late.

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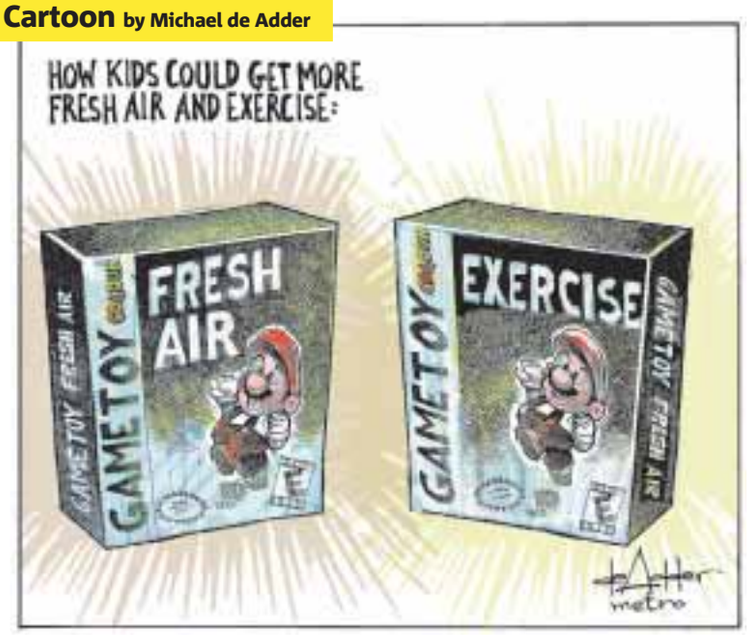

WEIRD NEWS

Snakes on a plane attempt an epic fail

U.S. officials say a man tried to board a flight from Miami to Brazil with bags of exotic snakes and tortoises stuffed in his pants.

Transportation Security Administration spokesman Jonathon Allen says the man was stopped after passing through a body scanner at Miami International Airport last week.

Security officials spotted the nylon bags filled with seven snakes and three tortoises hidden in the man's pants.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel newspaper reports the animals were taken by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The unidentified passenger was arrested.

It's not the only time someone has tried to smuggle snakes on a TAM Airlines flight, the paper reported.

In 1996, a woman attempted to sneak 75 live snakes inside her bra in Sweden, according to the Sentinel. And, in 2007, a man tried to smuggle a tiny monkey under his shirt on a flight from Fort Lauderdale, the paper said.

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With summer coming to an end, it's the perfect time for a movie to scare you off the beach
Here to do it is Shark Night 3D, from Snakes on a Plane director David Ellis

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▶ Alyssa Diaz stars in Shark Night 3D.

Fear of what lurks below

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Metro recently caught up with Shark Night 3D director David Ellis and one of the flick's stars, American Idol runner-up Katharine McPhee, to see what secrets about the film they're willing to spill. As it turns out, not many.

What can you tell us, without giving too much away, about Shark Night 3D?
David Ellis: There's sharks in it (laughs). It's really weird. And a lot of the movie takes place at night.
Katharine McPhee: I'm in it.
DE: Kat's in it.
KM: My character's name is Beth. That's all I know.

David, you're no stranger to genre movies. What's the appeal of them as a filmmaker?
DE: For me, I think it's just fun to be able to entertain people — for them to be able to go an escape from everything crazy that's going on in the world for an hour and a half and go have fun, to kind of scare them and make them laugh and make them cry, and just kind of play with their emotions.
KM: You like making people cry.

How was the Shark Night experience for you, Kat?
KM: Oh, it was so much fun. I love going to set. I love getting up early. I mean, on a regular basis, you will never find me up early, but I love when my alarm goes off and I get to put on my pyjamas and get to set and get my coffee and my food and get in hair and makeup.

I love everything about it, so for me just the whole experience is great. We shot in Shreveport, La., and even though it's not a particularly exotic place, it was gorgeous. And I just love being in new places and feeling like you're starting something new.
DE: I love the free food part. Like, every day when you go to the set and they have all this free food. But what made it so fun for me was that we had an amazing crew and we had a cast that was into it 110 per cent.

Were you afraid of sharks before you made the movie?
KM: I'm one of those people who, especially as a kid, would spend hours in the ocean swimming. I love swimming. But always in the back of my head there was that fear of a shark coming and getting you. I could say that, yeah, this has definitely made it a little bit more of a threat.
DE: For me, I grew up in the ocean as well — my whole life in Malibu — and I'm aware of them, you respect them. But you have a better chance of getting hit by a coconut than getting killed by a shark. But it's a primal fear for people.
KM: It's just not a way you want to go. There's a couple other ways I could think of wanting to go other than sharks.

How creative do you get with the deaths in the movie?
DE: Pretty creative. Each one is different and unique. And what's cool about it is we had so many different types of sharks. We have hammerheads and great white sharks and bull sharks and cookie-cutter sharks...

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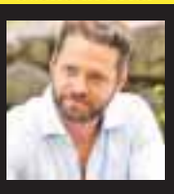
Scene in brief



Canuck star Jason Priestley is set to appear at the Gemini Awards next month. His racy program Call Me Fitz has 16 award nominations. Priestley says he's thrilled to see widespread recognition for his Nova Scotia-based cast and crew and is looking forward to the celebration in Toronto.
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Ed O'Neill to get Hollywood Walk of Fame star in front of shoe store, event features TV wives.

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Movie review

The Debt
Genre: Thriller/Drama
Director: John Madden
Stars: Helen Mirren, Sam Worthington and Tom Wilkinson

The Debt is an espionage story with a twist. In 1996 retired Mossad agents Rachel, David and Stefan (Helen Mirren, Ciarán Hinds and Tom Wilkinson) are heroes, acclaimed for their brave capture and execution of a notorious war criminal in 1966.

In flashback we meet the same characters played by Jessica Chastain, Marton Csokas, and Sam Worthington, learn the personal dynamics of the mission and the key to a long held secret.

The flashback sequence makes up the bulk of the film so it's fair to say this isn't Helen Mirren's film, but her character Rachel's.

Unusual for a spy movie, the story is told through the eyes of a woman but that adds depth to what is essentially a pulpy spy story.

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The Debt. Screen times

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Clooney flick opens Venice film festival

In all, 66 movies will make their world premiere at the 68th edition of the world's oldest festival

George Clooney's The Ides of March opens a star-studded Venice Film Festival today, and fans will also see two other Hollywood actor/directors, Madonna and Al Pacino, premiering their latest directorial efforts.

Clooney's political drama is among 23 films vying for the coveted Golden Lion, which will be awarded Sept. 10.

The jury will be headed by American director Darren Aronofsky, a two-time Golden Lion winner whose Black Swan was launched to huge Oscar success after opening in Venice last year.

The Ides of March tells the story of an ambitious campaign press secretary, played by Ryan Gosling, who gets swept up in a political scandal in the last frantic days of a heavily contested primary race.

Clooney said the movie was ready to begin filming when Barack Obama was elected U.S. president in 2008.

"Suddenly, a cynical film about politics seemed badly timed. Everyone was too optimistic," Clooney wrote in film notes. "It only took about a year before all the optimism evaporated and the timing seemed perfect."

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▶ Man of the hour: Actor George Clooney arrives at the Venice Film Festival, yesterday.

Madge movie

One of the most highly-anticipated events at Venice this year is Madonna's second feature film, the U.K. production W.E.

The movie intercuts between the romance of a modern woman and the relationship of American socialite Wallis Simpson and Britain's King Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne for love in the 1930s.

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New cast of Dancing with the Stars revealed

ABC says the 13th season of its hit show Dancing with the Stars will feature a mix of actors, athletes and TV personalities.

Set to tango and quickstep with professional dance partners will be basketball star Ron Artest; World Cup soccer player Hope Solo; reality stars Robert Kardashian, Kristin Cavallari and Chaz Bono; TV personalities Nancy Grace, Carson Kressley and Ricki Lake; singer-actress Chynna Phillips; actors David Arquette and J.R. Martinez; and Italian actress Elisabetta Canalis, who may be better known in the U.S. for being George Clooney's ex.

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▶ Nancy Grace

The new cast members will perform their first dance routines on the season premiere on Sept. 19. The first celebrity contestant will be eliminated on Sept. 20. Online:

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The most famous "found footage" film begins with the words, "In October of 1994, three student filmmakers disappeared into the woods of Burketville, Maryland while shooting a documentary. A year later their footage was found."

Thus began the Blair Witch Project, a movie Roger Ebert called an "extraordinarily effective horror film." He also called it a "celebration of rock bottom production values" for its rough hewn camera style and no-budget scares.

Those are trademarks of found footage style movies. The premise is almost always the same: someone has recovered film left behind by, as Wikipedia says, "missing or dead protagonists," and pieced it together to tell a (usually) horrifying story.

This weekend Apollo 18 uses (fictional) found footage from NASA's abandoned Apollo 18 mission to reveal the reason the U.S. has never returned to the moon.

In the wake of Blair Witch, theatres were overflowing with found footage movies, partially because they're cheap to make, and partially because audiences raised on reality TV seemed to respond to them.

Movies like The St. Francisville Experiment, The Last Horror Movie, September Tapes and The Curse tried, most unsuccessfully, to cash in on the box office bonanza of Blair Witch, but [Rec], a Spanish horror film about a haunted building was the most successful, artistically and financially.

Less successful but interesting is Redacted, a Brian De Palma war film shot through the lens of one of his characters.

De Palma came up with the idea when he was asked by HDNet Films to make a movie for $5 million on HD.

If the Blair Witch Project and Paranormal Activity are the successful of the genre, the most contentious, the most controversial, must be Cannibal Holocaust.

The 1980 fake cannibal footage was so convincing the director was arrested and charged with murder.

Police believed several actors had been killed on screen but charges were dropped when the actors showed up at the trial, safe and sound.

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▶ The Blair Witch Project capitalized on the trend of missing footage later discovered.

Cartoonists to commemorate Sept. 11 with weekend strips

Thought bubbles, witty banter and cartoon characters deal with tragedy

Sept. 11 is etched in the memories of millions, and as the 10th anniversary nears, cartoonists are etching their thoughts about 9-11 into comic strips.

With the anniversary falling on a Sunday, more than 90 cartoonists with five different syndicates have banded together to dedicate their strips on Sept. 11 to those whose lives were lost in the attacks. The strips will appear from the writers and artists of Family Circus, Mallard Fillmore, Candorville, Doonesbury and Pluggers, among others.

Jeff Keane, who co-authors The Family Circus, was sold on the idea.

"Because Family Circus is more of a realistic look at family, and I don't necessarily have a cartoon that is a 'joke a day,' but more sentimental and more emotional, it was easier for me to look at it that way," he said.

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▶A scene acknowledging 9-11 is shown in the Snuffy Smith comic strip.

Jim Borgman, the co-creator of Zits with Jerry Scott, about a teenager and his parents, called the upcoming anniversary something that cannot be ignored.

"As a cartoonist we would have all been wondering 'Is it OK to deal with this topic in our work?' Of course you can, but there is something comforting about the thought that a bunch of us are going to be struggling to say something on that day," he said.

It's not the first time that cartoonists have banded together. Previous efforts have included Earth Day and breast cancer awareness. But the scope of this one is unprecedented, with five syndicates participating.

They will be featured in a full-colour section and online at www.cartoonistsremember911.com.

The tone is varied, with some taking a sentimental tack, while others may try to make a reader laugh.

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Jolie sets baby bump record straight

Rumours of secret wedding and another baby en route make headlines

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Angelina Jolie

With all the speculation going around about her family life, Angelina Jolie wants to clear a few things up.

"I'm not pregnant. I'm not adopting at the moment," Jolie tells Vanity Fair. She added that there is no "secret wedding" planned for her and Brad Pitt.

Jolie is more concerned with her directorial debut,

In the Land of Blood and Honey, and says that Pitt tried his best to be helpful during the making of the project.

"He'd come in and say what he liked or what he didn't understand," she says.

"Like any woman, I would listen to most of it and fight a few things. He's been so supportive.

But it's hard to separate the person that loves you from the critic, so I don't think he's a fair judge."

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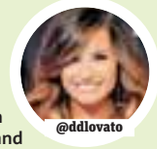
Celebrity tweets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"Guess what, I'm healthy and happy, and if you're hating on my weight you obviously aren't. "

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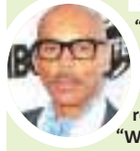
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"OMG! Can U imagine if Madonna won Best Director for "W.E."?"

@JimCarrey

"We are plagued by earthquakes tornados and hurricanes lately. Is it the end of times or just God's way of getting rid of the bankers?"

Kate opens up about blaze at Branson's home

Kate Winslet is finally breaking her silence about her harrowing escape from a recent house fire on Richard Branson's private Caribbean island.

"I'm just glad that everyone is safe, "Winslet told Entertainment Tonight recently.

"And this easily could not have been the case."

She gives credit to her host for making the most of the terrifying situation.

"I will never forget Richard placing his arms around both my children as we were watching the flames, and saying, 'At the end of the day, what you realize is that all that matters is the people that you love. Everything else is just stuff. And none of that stuff matters,'" Winslet remembers of the emotional day.

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Winslet

Lindsay's bro receives threatening calls

Lindsay Lohan's 15-year-old brother, Cody Lohan, hasn't been having the best summer.

The teen has reportedly been receiving threatening phone calls that were unsettling enough for him to call 911, according to reports from TMZ.

Cody reported to police that the caller was threatening to "harm him," law enforcement sources say.

There was some questions raised about who was watching the teenage brother of star Linsday.

Reports indicated his mother, Dina Lohan, was still in Los Angeles at the time after attending the recent, high-profile wedding of socialite Kim Kardashian.

Sources have since told the celebrity-driven website that Cody is "under proper care now."

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Lindsay Lohan

Garfield fears big fame

Andrew Garfield says the only thing that made him nearly say no to being the new Spider-Man was the movie star status that would come with it.

"That was absolutely the one thing I questioned. I thought about it for a month, constantly," he tells the L.A. Times.

"It terrifies me. I just saw that I was given an opportunity to play a part that I've been wanting to play since I was a two-year-old. I don't want the rest of it.

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Matthew Fox detained by police

Matthew Fox

Lost star Matthew Fox was detained by police in Cleveland after an altercation outside a bar with a female bus driver, according to TMZ.

The driver, Heather Borman, says a clearly inebriated Fox was trying to the party bus she was driving, though he wasn't a part of the group who had rented it.

"He just kept staring at me with his mouth wide open and not saying anything. I told him, 'You have to leave buddy. You are trespassing on my bus,'" Borman says.

She added that Fox then "leaned in and started punching my crotch and breast."

Borman struck back, punching Fox in the face and splitting his lip, which deterred the actor.

Borman says she was acting in self-defence.

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Soderbergh to leave film behind?

Steven Soderbergh admits he is considering leaving filmmaking behind.

"I'm interested in exploring another art form while I have the time and ability to do so," he tells the New York Times. "I'll be the first person to say if I can't be any good at it and run out of money I'll be back making another Ocean's movie."

The filmmaker says earlier this year he told Matt Damon about his plans during a "drunk" chat.

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Prepare for a scare at Halifax haunts

Ghost stories and sightings abound at Halifax's most popular tourist sites

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▶ Visitors claim to have seen ghosts in the garrison cells at Halifax Citadel National Historic Site.

With its long history of disasters and shipwrecks, there is an air of tragedy that hangs over Halifax, not unlike the dense fog that often rolls in from its harbour.

One of Halifax's most infamous spooky sites is the Five Fishermen Restaurant and Grill, perched on the bustling corner of Carmichael and Argyle Streets. Having once served as a mortuary, it's perhaps not surprising that the 194-year-old structure is equally known for its hauntings as well as its halibut.

The four-storey, brick-and-wood building opened in 1816 as a schoolhouse and was eventually taken over by a local family and turned into a funeral home.

It became the last stop of sorts for victims of two significant disasters of the 20th century — the sinking of the Titanic off Newfoundland in April 1912 and the Halifax Explosion of 1917. The explosion occurred when a supply vessel and a munitions ship collided in the harbour, killing 2,000 people and leaving some 9,000 injured.

Shane Robilliard, the Five Fishermen's general manager, says tales of cutlery moving on its own, disembodied voices and shadowy figures have actually been good for business.

"People dine at the Five Fishermen to experience something or to be a part of the history of this building," he says.

More eerie experiences await just up Carmichael Street at one of the city's most recognizable sites, the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site.

The British fort, completed in 1856, offers 90-minute tours exploring every dark nook and cranny where the ghosts of former soldiers are said to lurk.

Hal Thompson, the site's visitor experience officer, remembers one visitor to the site who said she spied a uniformed man enter a room and seemingly vanish. The woman was unaware of the site's ghostly reputation and wanted to know how the man — whom she presumed to be a staff member — managed to leave undetected from a room with only one exit.

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If you go ...

- **Five Fishermen Restaurant and Grill**
  fivefishermen.com
- **Tattle Tours of Nova Scotia**
  halifaxghostwalks.com
- **The Halifax Ghost Walk**
  thehalifaxghostwalk.com

Travel in Brief

A series of guided fall hikes along Ontario's Bruce Trail will explore the geology of the Niagara Escarpment. Seven locations on the trail are highlighted, including Waterdown, the Credit River valley, the Nottawasaga Bluffs and the Bruce Peninsula on Georgian Bay. Dubbed "Geology 101 on Foot," the walks are a fundraising project to support the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

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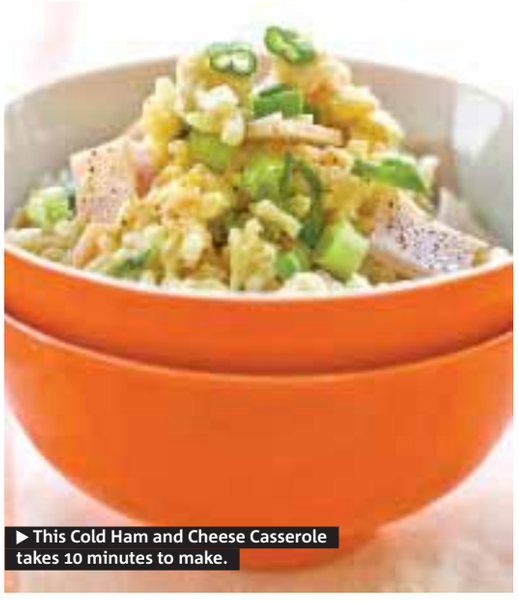

▶ This Cold Ham and Cheese Casserole takes 10 minutes to make.

Getting creative with kids' lunches can be a bit of a minefield. It can be hard enough to get them to embrace new foods at home, never mind when they are surrounded by friends at school.

But that doesn't mean you can't break free of the same old sandwich routine. It's just a matter of using foods already in your children's comfort zone, but working with them in new and creative ways.

Cold Ham and Cheese Casserole

This "casserole" is a great way to use up leftovers. Feel free to play with the ingredients. Chicken, steak and even chopped leftover hamburgers are fine substitutes for ham.

Preparation:

1. In a small bowl, stir together mustard, mayonnaise and vinegar. Add rice, ham and cheddar, then mix well.

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Ingredients:

- 5 ml (1 tsp) mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) low-fat mayonnaise
- 5 ml (1 tsp) apple cider vinegar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cooked rice (white or brown)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cubed cooked ham
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) shredded cheddar
- 1 scallion, thinly sliced, to garnish

Tortellini Veggie Skewers

Preparation:

1. Cut yellow pepper into 6 strips. Using each pepper strip as a skewer, push 2 tortellini onto each.
2. Use paring knife to poke hole into top of each cherry tomato and cap end of eac pepper strip with tomato and an olive. Cut slices of turkey and provolone into 6 long strips, then wrap one of each around skewers. Serve skewers with a side of your child's favourite dressing.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 yellow bell pepper
- 12 cooked tortellini
- 6 whole black olives
- 6 cherry tomatoes
- 1 slice deli turkey
- 1 slice provolone cheese

Breakfast lunch

This easy pancake and bacon breakfast-lunch let's kids assemble their own meal.

You just need to give them the basics — tiny pancakes, cooked bacon slices, blueberries and maple syrup for dunking.

Preparation:

1. Pancakes: In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, cornmeal, baking soda, sugar and salt. Add yogurt and milk, then whisk until just smooth.
2. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Drop spoonfuls of batter into pan, leaving space between each to allow for spreading. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes, flip and cook for an additional 1 to 2 minutes, or until golden and cooked through. Let cool thoroughly before packing.
3. Pack the pancakes with the bacon, fruit and maple syrup on the side in their lunch bags.

Ingredients:

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) all-purpose flour
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) cornmeal
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sugar
- Pinch salt
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) plain yogurt
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 2 slices cooked bacon
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) blueberries (or favourite fruit)
- Maple syrup, for dipping

Drink of the week

Mango Smoothie

- Flesh of 1 large ripe mango, chopped
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) fresh ginger, grated
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) frozen orange juice concentrate
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) milk, chilled
- 250 ml (1 cup) ice

In a blender, puree the peeled and chopped mango, ginger and orange juice concentrate together until the mixture is smooth. Add milk and ice and blend again.
This recipe makes 500 ml (2 cups).

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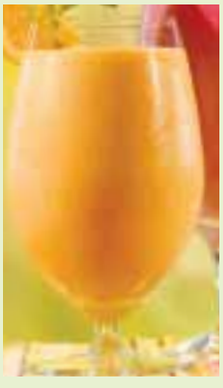

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As a second-year business student tired of spending my summers working in retail, I jumped at the opportunity to enrol in the co-operative education option (co-op) offered at my school.

I joined co-op under the impression that I would easily be able to secure meaningful summer employment, but I quickly discovered this was not the case.

I applied to countless jobs and had no difficulty getting interviews; my problem lay in receiving an actual job offer.

I left each interview feeling as if it had gone well, only to be informed a few days later that I had not been chosen as the successful candidate for the job. And I was not alone. Several of my fellow classmates were experiencing the exact same dilemma.

As a well-qualified applicant, this frustrating process led me to wonder which students were being selected for these jobs. It turned out that students with more experience and education, such as third and fourth years and graduates with whom I could not compete, were getting those offers.

Employers shouldn't overlook the applications of promising young students simply because they lack experience.

Students who actively achieve and aim to improve themselves should be given fair consideration from employers; these students should not be automatically placed on the back burner to more senior and experienced applicants.

To compete with more experienced applicants, younger students should take advantage of the many opportunities offered by universities, such as volunteering, conferences and competitions.

By making an effort to get involved, students can develop relevant skills to their field of study, as well as establish relationships and build their professional network. When participating in extra-curricular activities, you never know what opportunities will present themselves or who you might meet.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Erin's experience:

- Becoming involved within your school through student groups, conferences and competitions is a great way to develop career-related skills and build your resumé.
- Get to know your professors and attend as many on-campus networking events as you can. Although relevant skills and a strong GPA are important, my story highlights that who you know is often equally as important.

Where Erin is now

I had nearly resorted to handing out resumés at the local mall when an opportunity arose.

I was contacted by a professional I had met during a networking event hosted by a student society I belonged to. My professor had spoken with this individual and requested that they consider me for a job before formally posting the position, and following the interview I was fortunate enough to receive a job offer.

My story has proven that although what you know is undoubtedly the most important, who you know can't hurt.

Young scholars are breaking the cycle

Having a parent with a degree is not the steadfast predictor of post-secondary success that it was in the past

A recent Statistics Canada study has found that people whose parents didn't graduate from university are nearly twice as likely to get a degree today than they were more than two decades ago.

The study revealed that in 2009, 23 per cent of people whose parents didn't get a university education held a degree, up from 12 per cent in 1986.

The 2009 General Social Survey attributes the shrinking disparity in university completion by family background to women.

In 1986, only 10 per cent of women whose parents were not university graduates held a degree. By 2009, that proportion nearly tripled to 28 per cent.

But Martin Turcotte, a senior analyst at Statistics Canada who authored the study, said there was a significant increase in the number of women with highly educated parents who got degrees, too.

"Really the fact that more women from all types of families get degrees contributed a lot to the decreasing gap," said Turcotte.

Despite the increase there's still a sizable difference between the two groups, with a person whose parents hold a degree much more likely to complete university.

"The gap is still important," said Turcotte. "People with parents who have a university education are twice as likely to get the degree themselves, compared to other people."

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Are you a divorced parent dealing with back to school? Help is here

Balancing the school budget can get complicated when you and your child's other parent are not together. Here are some tips to the scholastic year fiscally fair, even if you are not divorced.

Balance needs versus wants Make a list of "needs" and agree that kids will get a few "wants" met. Allocate a set dollar amount they are free to spend.

Set the budget before you go shopping Before you venture into a store set a non-negotiable budget. This is not just for their purposes but also to keep parents from caving in.

Make a detailed list before you hit the stores We know not to go grocery shopping when hungry and the same rule applies for back-to-school shopping. There are many purchase temptations to abstain from, even for the strong-willed.

Set the budget for extracurricular activities before you sign up Set a budget per child that covers lessons, equipment and other hidden costs, then engage in a conversation with the kids and the other parent to ensure you are not doubling up on activities or creating a conflicting schedule.

Empower your kids financially Allot an allowance for extra purchases and one for necessities to engage kids in responsible budgeting and shopping at an early age.

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Your pre-boot action plan

Keep those contacts close to you just in case the worst does happen

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▶ Who you gonna call?

Should the axe fall and your job get severed, career counsellors warn, you'll have to get by with a little help from your friends.

Except, big problem: If you're like the average laid off employee, your friends will all be left behind in that same burning building.

That's why career counsellors recommend you foster industry friendships far beyond the block where you work, while you're still working.

"It's much easier to have that network ready in place when you need it than to try to scramble and connect the people at the last minute," About.com jobseekers' guru Alison Doyle cautions. "Then all of a sudden you're begging people."

And that, she explains, is what you'd least like to be doing: scrounging strangers for jobs.

Instead, agrees Connecting With Success author Kathleen Barton, your network should be in constant development, a regular exchange of favours and tips.

"It's about building mutually beneficial relationships, where you're not always asking for help when you're contacting them," she says. "Maybe you're giving updates, or finding out how they're doing, or how you can support them."

Or maybe you're just calling to say howdy — one friendly lunch hour phone call at a time.

Find The Little Reasons

Great networking, Barton offers, is about seizing those little excuses to reach out to a mere acquaintance.

"There are so many creative ways you can do that," she says. Holidays help —and not just the passé ones like Christmas and birthdays. Think Halloween, she suggests.

"Rather than Christmas, when everybody gets cards, I send Thanksgiving cards to let them know I'm thinking about them," she adds.

Walking the path of intern to staff

Here's one way to make something out of nothing: Turn your unpaid, unappreciated summer internship into a salaried job. Cha-ching!

Too bad the giant leap from intern wolf pack to payroll happens less regularly than graduating seniors often assume, career counsellors warn.

"Students shouldn't put too much pressure on themselves to turn their specific internships into jobs," says Lauren Berger, an author and self-proclaimed "Intern Queen". "The reality is that not every internship is used as a recruitment tool."

That said, make the right impression, and your corporate overlords and fellow interns could be the link to your first out-of-college job.

"Really, really focus on building your network at your internship and build real relationships with as many executives, coordinators, assistants as you can," Berger encourages.

"When you leave it's important to stay in touch with those people and let them know what it is you want to do."

Not every internship is a sure leg up, says Samer Hamadeh, author of The Internship Bible.

"But even bad internships help you figure out the jobs you don't want," he notes. Or they can lead to the jobs you really do want, he adds.

"While you're there, get lunch with assistants — they can be more effective than a higher level executive," Berger suggests.

"They're in the loop. They know what jobs are available, and where they're available."

BEFORE YOU GO

"End of internship preparations should start two weeks before the end date," advises Berger. "Request your letters of recommendations early. Executives take forever on those."

Make sure you get coffee or lunch with your intern coordinator, too, she adds.

"That's the time for the student, if they are interested in a job, to express that," she explains.

KEEP IN TOUCH

"Anyone who you meet during the internship, keep track of those people's first and last names, and when it comes time to leave the internship, any executive, any employee who helped you, even the janitor, write a thank you note, handwritten," Berger urges. "Three times a year — Fall, Spring, Summer — you want to reach out to those people."

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Sports in brief

A former NBA player who is accused of shooting an Atlanta woman to death appeared to be retaliating for being robbed of $55,000 US worth of jewelry, police said.

Javaris Crittenton was arrested late Monday at a Southern California airport. He has been charged with murder in the Aug. 19 shooting death of Jullian Jones outside her house in Atlanta, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said.

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Can they make the cut?

Oilers pick Nugent-Hopkins, other top prospects seeking first NHL jobs

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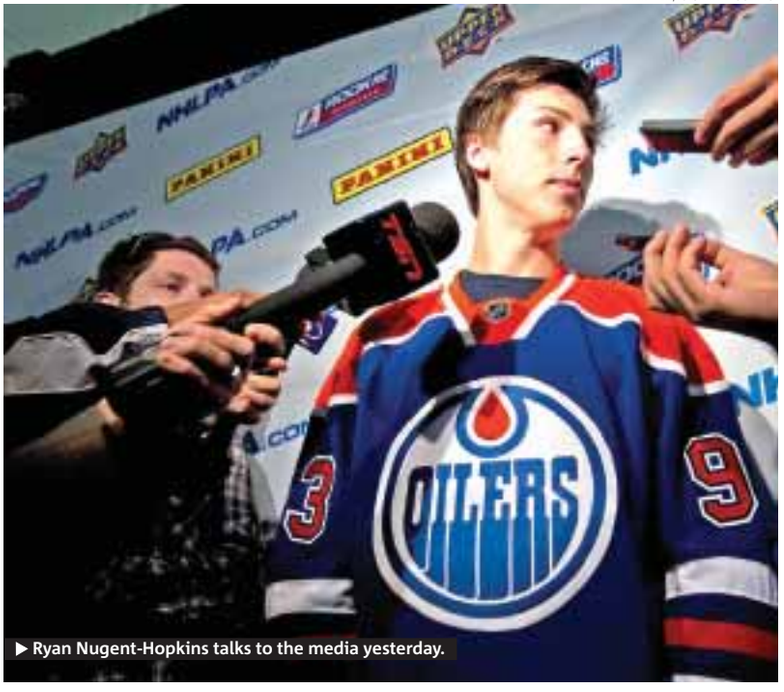

▶ Ryan Nugent-Hopkins talks to the media yesterday.

Recent history suggests two of them will still be wearing NHL sweaters in October.

As Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Gabriel Landeskog and Jonathan Huberdeau pulled on the uniform of their new NHL teams yesterday morning, each expressed a strong desire to continue wearing it all season. With training camps approaching, the top three picks from June's draft feel tantalizingly close to finally realizing their NHL dream.

"I just want to wear this sweater and I just want to get on the ice and play," said Nugent-Hopkins, sporting a blue and orange No. 93 Edmonton Oilers home jersey.

The 18-year-old centre has spent a considerable amount of time in the gym since being selected with the No. 1 pick at the Xcel Energy Center in Minnesota.

Nugent-Hopkins estimates that he's added 12 pounds to his six-foot frame over the summer and now weighs in at about 177 pounds. It was done with an eye on cracking the Oilers roster out of training camp.

"Hopefully that will help me," said Nugent-Hopkins. "I'm not too focused on my weight right now, I'm just going to focus on how well I play and just playing as good as I can. Obviously, the weight was a little bit of an issue so I tried to address it as much as I could."

The only No. 1 pick who didn't jump straight to the NHL since the lockout was defenceman Erik Johnson, who spent a season at the University of Minnesota rather than join the St. Louis Blues in 2006. Overall, 11 of the 18 players taken in the top three spots between 2005 and 2010 went directly to the NHL.

It was no coincidence that Nugent-Hopkins, Landeskog and Huberdeau were grouped together yesterday at the NHLPA's rookie showcase, an event where 26 prospects took the ice and posed for photos that will be used on their first NHL trading cards.

They've been fielding questions about whether they were ready to play in the NHL right away since before the draft. The focus on them will only intensify in the coming weeks during rookie tournaments and their first training camps.

"It's something that comes along with (being a top pick)," said Landeskog, who sported a No. 92 Colorado Avalanche jersey. "I see pressure as a positive thing. I want high expectations (placed on) myself. That's why I play this game — I want to get better every day."

He'll travel to Denver today and plans to pick the brain of teammate Matt Duchene, who was selected third in the 2009 draft and joined the Avalanche the following season.

Many believe Landeskog is in the best position among this year's draft class to earn a job because he's physically mature and trying to crack the roster of a rebuilding team.

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Blue Jays lose to O's in extra innings

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Ryan Adams capped a two-run, 10th-inning rally with an RBI single and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-5 last night.

Matt Wieters led off the Baltimore 10th by drawing a walk off Brian Tallet (0-2), who was trying for his first career save. Mark Reynolds walked and, after Robert Andino bunted a foul third strike, pinch hitter Jake Fox hit a game-tying single to right with Reynolds taking third.

Adams followed with a deep fly ball off the warning track beyond a drawn-in outfield.

The victory went to Willie Eyre (1-0), whose wild pitch in the top of the 10th had put the Blue Jays ahead 5-4.

The Blue Jays were without manager John Farrell, who is being treated for pneumonia in Toronto and is expected to miss the three-game series. Bench coach Don Wakamatsu ran the team in Farrell's absence.

Wieters homered for Baltimore, which has won seven of nine.

The Blue Jays have lost five of six.

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▶ Tennis fans attend the first round of the U.S. Open yesterday.

Grand openings in New York

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▶ Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns against Conor Niland in the Flushing neighbourhood of the Queens borough of New York City.

Djokovic proves on Day 2 of U.S. Open that he's feeling fine after missing time with sore shoulder

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▶ Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark serves against Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain.

No. 1's advance

Novak Djokovic began his first-round match at the U.S. Open yesterday with a 121 mph service winner and never looked back in his first match since Aug. 21.

- The top-seeded Djokovic built a 6-0, 5-1 lead before qualifier Conor Niland of Ireland, who had food poisoning, stopped after 44 minutes.
- Earlier yesterday, women's top seed Caroline Wozniacki — who's been ranked No. 1 for most of the past year but has yet to win a Grand Slam trophy — defeated 125th-ranked Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain 6-3, 6-1.
- Sixth seed Li Na was upset 6-2, 7-5 by 53rd-ranked Simona Halep of Romania. Li's record is now 5-6 since becoming China's first major singles champion in June when she won the French Open.

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▶ Rafael Nadal of Spain returns a shot in his 6-3, 7-6 (1), 7-5 win over Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan yesterday.

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▶ Ana Ivanovic of Serbia celebrates during her victory over Russia's Ksenia Pervak.

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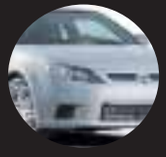

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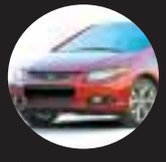

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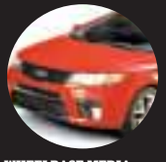
Frisky two-door looks sharp; appeals to the youthful set.



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Engine

Getting the Beetle up to speed is handled by three distinct powerplants.

Base models come with a 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder engine that pretty much carries over from the New Beetle. Optional is VW's popular 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel (TDI) that offers a very real alternative to most gas-electric hybrids when overall fuel economy and initial purchase cost are factored in.

The top-rung and most performance-focused Beetle features a 200-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that also returns slightly better fuel economy than the base five-cylinder.

'Adult contemporary'

The 2012 Beetle features more people-friendly dimensions.

The distance between the front and rear wheels has been increased to create some much-needed rear-seat legroom as well as a more generous stowage area with either the 50:50 split rear seat occupied or folded flat.

On the inside, the term "adult contemporary" comes to mind.

A sense of purpose and sportiness prevails with easy-to-read dials and massive air vents at either end of the dashboard.

Different look

Gone is the New Beetle's oval, almost cartoonish appearance, replaced by a longer hood and flatter roofline that ends in a rounded hatchway flanked by a set of prominent taillights.

Overall it's a look that Dr. Ferdinand Porsche, who sculpted the original Beetle nearly three-quarters of a century ago, would likely approve of.

▶ Although it looks lower, it's really because the Beetle is longer and wider than before. Three engine choices greet buyers with the turbo-diesel being our choice for around-town pep and excellent economy.

Catch the Bug all over again

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The new 2012 Beetle represents another step back to the future for an iconic brand that is simply too good to let slip away.

The world held its collective baited breath when Volkswagen launched the New Beetle back in the late 1990s, before surging forward to scoop up as many of the reconstituted Bugs as the German automaker could produce.

Not many years later, the New Beetle had become not so new and its popularity waned.

Although the convertible version maintained a respectable degree of popularity, the hatchback model seemed to drift unchecked year after model year.

Following a one-year absence, the Beetle is back this fall with sharper styling, a roomier and up-to-date interior and more available power. Yes, and the name has been shortened to just plain Beetle, if you please.

That the car is returning at all is a gutsy move. After all, nobody begrudged Chrysler for cashiering the PT Cruiser econo-hot rod following its lengthy run and well after its "best-before" date had come and gone. But VW management obviously thought the Beetle brand was worth continuing. What has emerged is a well-balanced and sportier shape that also projects the necessary degree of charm that pays homage to that original look.

▶ You would hardly consider the previous New Beetle to be sporty, but Volkswagen is making an honest attempt at it this time around. Helping things out is a much wider cabin with more rear seat room.

▶ On up-level models there's a trio of gauges (oil temp, turbo boost pressure and clock/stopwatch) that seem inspired by the Porsche 911 cockpit.

VW Beetle

What you should know about the 2012 Volkswagen Beetle:

- **Types:** Two-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchback coupe.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I5 (170); 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (200); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbo-diesel.
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual (2.5); six-speed manual (2.0, TDI); six-speed automatic (2.5); six-speed automated manual (2.0, TDI).
- **Market position:** The Beetle remains true to its New Beetle origins by retaining its distinctive appearance. This is a car for those who dare to be different.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 9.5/7.1 (2.5, AT).

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Research the used luxury sedan market, and you'll likely find the Japanese knack for effective engineering and reliable electronics has translated into some of the more reliable luxury sedans on the road today.

The last-generation Acura RL is one such sedan.

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2005 to 2008 Acura RL

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Engine

All RL models got a 3.5-litre, 290 horsepower V6 engine, 5-speed automatic transmission and Super Handling All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD). There's no V8 engine available.

What owners like

Drivers of this generation RL report enjoying a comfortable and quiet ride, agile handling, "under-the-radar" styling and great long-haul comfort during road trips. Masterful build quality and materials impressed many owners, as did Acura's promise of reliable performance.

What owners dislike

Common complaints include small, fussy and complicated controls for the navigation and audio system, and a relatively small trunk. Some owners report squeaks and rattles as the car ages.

Common issues

Low sales volumes mean Acura RL reliability information is tough to come by, but a few mandatory checks should help shoppers find a healthy unit. Approaching the RL, be sure the intelligent key-fob allows you to lock and unlock the doors with a touch on the handle. Look inside the wheelwells for signs of rust, as well as underneath the doors and around the trunk lid. Check for fluid leaks around the engine, transmission and transaxle.

Verdict

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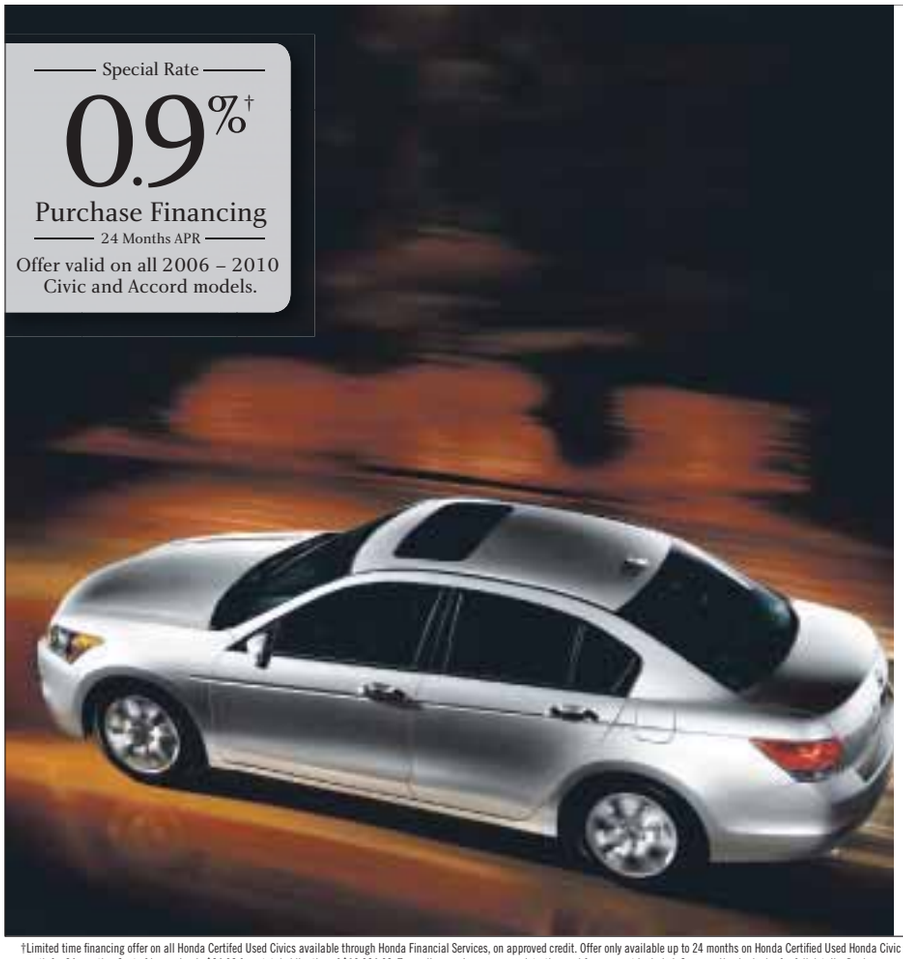

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Sergio Marchionne is the high-flying and much-quoted president of Fiat and Chrysler. But he isn't the only Canadian making an impact on the global automotive stage.

After a promotion earlier this year, Ray Tanguay became the highest-ranking non-Japanese executive at Toyota Motor Corporation.

During Toyota's recall difficulties, he was asked by Toyota's numero uno executive, president Akio Toyoda, to help draft a Global Vision Business Plan, which would ultimately guide the Toyota mothership back on course.

Tanguay believed he received the invite to craft a plan because he made "the biggest noise" about Toyota losing its way. The gist of his vision was that Toyota's immense workforce, scattered all over the globe, needed a greater sense of mission and empowerment. To that end, he suggested more local decision-making and direct access to the top decision-makers in Japan.

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▶ Ray Tanguay

Toyoda liked Tanguay's plan so much he immediately added the title of senior managing officer of Toyota Motor Corporation to Tanguay's already considerable portfolio. There are only three such positions worldwide, and they are just one rung below that of the board of directors.

Currently his two other titles are: Senior Vice President, Toyota Motor North America; and Chairman, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada.

The plan is far from his only accomplishment. He continues to champion more production and research facilities on this continent. He oversaw the growth of Toyota's Canadian production in Cambridge, Ont., and its evolution into a perennial winner of international quality awards. This made it easy for Toyota to send Lexus RX 350 production there in 2003 — still the only Lexus plant outside of Japan. And when Toyota was looking to open a North American plant to build its RAV4, Tanguay came up with a novel proposal — build the RAV4 plant in nearby Woodstock, as a satellite facility of the Cambridge plant.

Another recent accomplishment: The "house that Ray built" in Woodstock just received confirmation this month, that it will be the first North American Toyota facility to build an electric vehicle. In fact, the RAV EV will be built on the same line as the gasoline-powered RAV4.

Tanguay has French Canadian roots. Silver-haired, tall, and dignified, he reminds one of another charismatic French Canadian leader — Jean Beliveau, the legendary and graceful captain of the Montreal Canadians.

I don't know if Tanguay ever played hockey. But seeing that he was born and raised in Mattice, a remote town in northern Ontario, I'm betting he did. And I'm betting that underneath the controlled persona is someone just like Beliveau, someone with a lot of drive, passion, and competitive fight.

Top Gear

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1 The slick Shelby Cruiser from Felt Bicycles bears the name of racer/car builder Carroll Shelby and is intended to be a two-wheel interpretation of the mid-'60s Mustang-based GT350. The bicycle boasts a hydroformed tank frame (shaped using hydraulic fluid pumped into a hollow aluminum tube under high pressure), Shimano Nexus-brand three-speed gearing, black 36-spoke super-wide rims and a special double front fork (one of which is spring-loaded). feltbicycles.com.

2 The Traffic Jam logic puzzle from ThinkFun has been challenging millions of players for more than 25 years. The idea is to slide the blocking vehicles in such a way so that the path is clear for the red-coloured car to exit the game board. Sounds simple enough, but after trying it ourselves we can attest to the skill and smarts needed to free the car from its gridlocked position. Check with your local toy outlet, or order online at thinkfun.com. WHEELBASE

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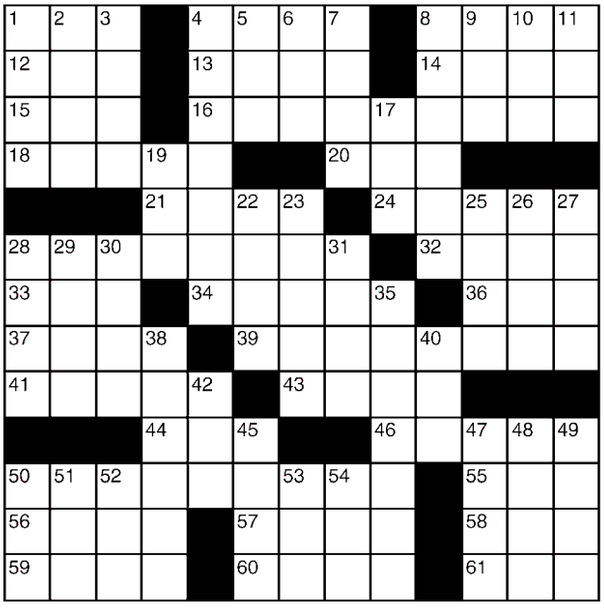

Across

1 — Zedong
4 Filly's brother
8 Sprint
12 "La Cage — Folles"
13 Vicinity
14 Reed instrument
15 Anger
16 Fuel
18 Island porch
20 Popular ISP
21 "— Wonderful Life"
24 Sultan's wives
28 Iraq War general David
32 Lasso
33 Uncooked
34 Within the law
36 River island
37 Fertility goddess
39 Italian poet
41 Costume
43 Coral structure
44 Kanga's kid
46 Book of maps
50 Scared, and then some
55 Lubricate
56 Mayberry moppet
57 4-Across, e.g.
58 Praise in verse
59 Like candles
60 Foolproof
61 Cushion

Down

1 Postal delivery
2 Emanation
3 The yoke's on them
4 Lincoln, Madison or Jackson
5 Tramcar load
6 Allow
7 "Gone With the Wind" plantation
8 Buck
9 Copper head?
10 Old French coin
11 Height of fashion?
17 Fireworks reaction
19 Melody
22 Leak slowly
23 Boring tool
25 Bellow
26 Grand-scale
27 Syst.
28 Overly proper one
29 Facility
30 Nincompoop
31 Location
35 Apt rhyme for "pedal"
38 "Oklahoma!" transport
40 Sternward
42 Luau bowlful
45 Kills "Sopranos"-style
47 Aerobatic maneuver
48 Verdi opera
49 Coaster
50 "Bam!"
51 Clean Air Act org.
52 Ducats, for short
53 Debtor's letters
54 Corn spike

▶ Yesterday's answer

E	R	A	S		C	A	P	O		B	A	T	
B	U	M	P		A	V	O	N		L	I	E	
B	R	O	A	D	S	I	D	E		I	D	A	
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M	A	D		F	U	L	L	Y		I	T	A	
P	R	E	M	I	S	E	S		D	D	A	Y	
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H	E	R		E	M	E	R		H	E	A	D	

Sudoku

	9			5			7	
		8	1		7	2		
5								3
7		4				9		6
			4		2			
8		9				1		5
4								8
		6	7		1	3		
	8			3			6	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

9	3	1	6	4	2	5	7	8
2	7	5	8	9	1	6	3	4
4	6	8	5	7	3	2	9	1
3	1	2	7	5	6	4	8	9
7	9	4	2	1	8	3	5	6
5	8	6	4	3	9	1	2	7
8	2	3	9	6	4	7	1	5
1	4	7	3	8	5	9	6	2
6	5	9	1	2	7	8	4	3

Send a KISS

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Honey, I love you so much!! This month is so exciting moving in with you, its an awesome new change i cant wait for more excting things to come. We have so many plans and so many dreams and i know they will all work out. I cant Wait!! Love **SWEETHEART <3**

My fairy baki, I always lied in front of you but today in front of everyone, the whole city, I want to apoloize for what i had done. I am sorry. You can only complete me, my half part, my destiny. I miss you a lot dear. Kuchu miss you. I love you .. Tc & please think to come back... **KUCHU LIER**

Muffin, Not a day goes by that I am not thankful to have your love, You have shown me how love is supposed to be and I thank you for that..... I Love you with all my heart and want to be with you forever **PIE**

A look at the weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Min 18° Max 28°	Min 13° Max 24°	Min 9° Max 21°

Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You know what you are capable of (much more than most people) so get out there and make it happen.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Venus, planet of love, is strong in the most passionate area of your chart, so make the most of it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It will pay you to come on a little less strong today, especially at work.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Enjoy yourself today. Meet up with your favourite friends and do the kind of things that make you laugh.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You know what needs to be done to resolve a relationship issue and get back on good terms with loved ones.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Listen to advice from those you trust before you act. You have lots to learn.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your merest whim will be catered for by those who adore you today.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Focus on things that bring you pleasure today and pretend that bad things do not exist. It's up to you whether you're happy or sad.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may prefer to deal in facts but today you will have to take so many things on trust.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Something will grab hold of your imagination and refuse to let go.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Not everyone in this world is motivated by selfishness. Who can you help be a better person today?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You're special, and in some way today, you will prove it. Make the world better. SALLY BROMPTON

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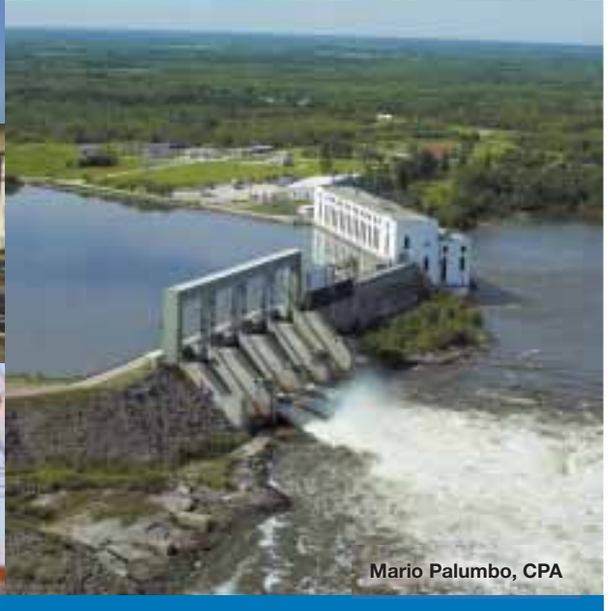

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